hilly areas of Uttaranchal and those provided with computers till July, 2006 is as below:—

Number of large Post Offices in villages	1
Number of large Post Offices in villages provided with computers	1
Number of large Post Offices in hilly areas	120
Number of large Post Offices in hilly areas provided with computers	120

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Installation of de-duping software

*407. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have directed telecom operators to install de-duping software by August, 2006 to uncover multiple connections.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken against operators who do not comply with the instructions within the prescribed date?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN): (a) Sir, the Government has not issued instructions to the mobile service providers regarding installation of de-duping software. However, as per license conditions, the mobile telephone service providers are required to ensure adequate verfication of each and every customer before enrolling him as subscriber. Instructions in this regard have been issued from time to time to all the service providers. This includes obtaining proof of identity and address from the subscribers.

(b) and (c) Do not arise is view of (a) above.

Programmes on farmers on DD

*408. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the programmes concerning farmers on DD;

(b) Government's response of such programmes;

(c) whether Government have evaluated their reach and contents, etc. recently; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) and (b) Prasar Bharati have informed that almost all the Doordarshan Kendras across the country are producing and telecasting programmes on Agriculture, Veterinary Sciences, Fisheries,

Horticulture. They have further informed that under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme ***"Mass Media Support to Agriculture Extension"***, introduced by Ministry of Agriculture in 2004, agriculture related programmes are being produced and telecast six days a week on the National Channel. State-specific requirement of farmers are being catered through 18 Regional Channels five days a week and area-specific requirement of farmers of more than 140 districts across the country are being catered through 180 transmitters in 'Narrowcast' mode.

The same scheme is used for programmes broadcast on AIR. All programmes are being closely monitored by the respective State Level Committees (SLC) and District Level Committees (DLC) and also by the Apex Committee of Government of India and the response on the programmes has been encouraging in all the States.

(c) and (d) Prasar Bharati has informed that the programmes being telecast on the National channel have a reach of all TV homes and in the respective 18 States in all the TV homes.

The evaluation report on the impact of agricultural programmes introduced over 12 transmitters in 2004 revealed that most of the farmers watch the programmes and the programmes are by and large useful, informative and educative.

The weekly Feedback Reports being received from all the States also reveal that programmes are being watched by the farmers and are useful, informative, and have enhanced knowledge of the farmers.

IHSDP in Orissa

*409. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched the Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) to ameliorate the conditions of urban slum dwellers;

(b) the details of the projects that have since been approved indicating those falling in the State of Orissa; and

(c) the details of funds that have since been released for the projects in Orissa State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) For integrated development of slums through projects for providing shelter, basic services and other related civic amenities to the urban poor in select 63 cities, a Sub-Mission on Basic Services to the Urban Poor has been launched as part of the 'Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission on 3.12.2005. In the remaining cities/towns, an Integrated Housing & Slum Development Programme has also been launched. Integrated Housing & Slum Development Programme is a demand driven scheme for which State Governments, Urban Local Bodies and Parastatal agencies are